

HOUSE BILL 224

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Plumbing – Greywater Recycling**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county from adopting or enforcing certain provisions
4 of a local plumbing code; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
5 greywater recycling.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
8 Section 12–206
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

14 12–206.

15 (a) A county shall:

16 (1) enforce the State Plumbing Code; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) adopt and enforce a local plumbing code that meets or exceeds the
2 minimum standards of the State Plumbing Code for the proper design, acceptable
3 installation, and adequate maintenance of plumbing systems.

4 **(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION:**

5 **(I) "GREYWATER" MEANS USED, UNTREATED WATER**
6 **GENERATED BY:**

7 **1. A CLOTHES WASHING MACHINE;**

8 **2. A SHOWER; OR**

9 **3. A BATHTUB; AND**

10 **(II) "GREYWATER" DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER FROM:**

11 **1. A TOILET;**

12 **2. A KITCHEN SINK; OR**

13 **3. A DISHWASHING MACHINE.**

14 **(2) A COUNTY MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE A PROVISION OF A**
15 **LOCAL PLUMBING CODE THAT PROHIBITS A SYSTEM THAT RECYCLES**
16 **GREYWATER, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE STATE PLUMBING CODE.**

17 **[(b)] (C)** Unless the Board determines that a county is adequately enforcing
18 the State Plumbing Code or a local plumbing code that meets or exceeds the minimum
19 standards of the State Plumbing Code, the Board shall enforce the State Plumbing
20 Code in that county.

21 **[(c)] (D)** The Board may make a cooperative agreement with a county for
22 the county to enforce:

23 (1) the State Plumbing Code; or

24 (2) if the county has adopted a local plumbing code, that code.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2010.